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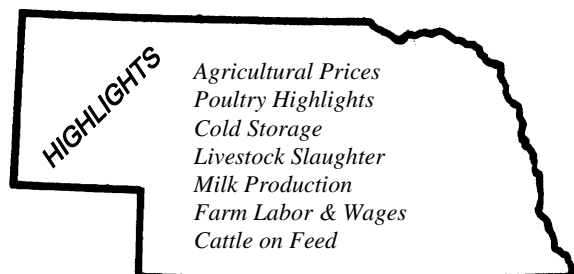
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a year ago. The Crop Index was up 1 point (1%) from last month but was 16 points (15%) below last year.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in November was 93 based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2.2%) from October. Higher prices for broilers, eggs, potatoes, and corn slightly offset price decreases for milk, soybeans, oranges, hogs, and lettuce. Compared with November 1998, the All Farm Products Index was 6 points (6.1%) lower. Price decreases from November 1998 for milk, cotton, soybeans, and corn more than offset price increases for cattle, hogs, apples, and calves.

NEBRASKA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The mid-November Index of Prices Received by Nebraska farmers, at 132% of its January- December 1977 average, was 2 points (2%) above October and was 7 points (6%) above a year ago. The Index of Livestock and Livestock Products was up 2 points (1%) from last month and was 21 points (15%) above

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		Nov. 1998 1/	Oct. 1999 1/	Nov. 15, 1999	Nov. 1998 1/	Oct. 1999 1/	Nov. 15, 1999	% of Parity	Parity Price*
Wheat	Bu.	\$ 2.74	\$ 2.05	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.95	\$ 2.58	\$ 2.54	26	\$ 9.78
Corn	Bu.	1.97	1.66	1.70	1.93	1.69	1.72	26	6.69
Oats	Bu.	1.26	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.07	1.08	31	3.50
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.00	2.52	2.55	3.05	2.51	2.59	25	10.50
Soybeans	Bu.	5.26	4.34	4.20	5.39	4.47	4.35	31	14.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	48.00	35.00	37.00	81.40	73.70	74.00	---	---
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	50.00	36.00	39.00	84.40	76.00	77.30	---	---
Other, Baled	Ton	44.00	30.00	32.00	72.00	64.70	64.80	---	---
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	17.90	17.10	16.60	20.30	17.20	16.90	33	50.90
Hogs	Cwt.	22.30	36.00	35.00	18.80	34.40	32.90	32	103.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	22.40	36.20	35.20	19.00	34.70	33.40	---	---
Sows	Cwt.	16.10	26.90	25.90	15.50	24.70	24.30	---	---
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	61.10	68.40	69.70	58.10	66.20	66.20	43	153.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	62.20	69.40	70.90	62.30	70.10	70.80	---	---
Cows	Cwt.	29.50	32.00	31.00	29.70	33.80	33.00	---	---
Calves	Cwt.	76.60	92.00	90.00	77.50	91.90	91.60	47	195.00
Sheep	Cwt.	27.80	25.90	na	26.40	26.40	na	---	65.80
Lambs	Cwt.	54.70	66.60	na	62.60	72.60	na	---	158.00
All Milk	Cwt.	17.60	14.00	13.70	17.80	15.00	14.40	45	30.80
Milk, Fluid	Cwt.	17.60	14.00	---	17.80	15.00	14.40	---	---
Milk, Mfg.	Cwt.	17.60	13.90	---	17.30	12.60	11.30	---	---

1/ Entire month average except hay. *Parity price based on data for November 1999. na = not available.

NEBRASKA PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1977=100)

Item	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1999	Nov. 15, 1999
All Farm Products	125	130	132
All Crops	104	87	88
Food Grains	129	97	99
Feed grains & Hay	98	84	86
Oil Bearing Crops	77	64	62
Miscellaneous Crops	135	132	131
Livestock & Products	139	158	160
Meat Animals	136	160	162
Dairy Products	190	151	148

POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - OCTOBER

Item	1998	1999	'99% of '98
	Thousands		Percent
No. of Layers			
NEBRASKA	10,329	11,577	112
30 States	297,306	305,543	103
U.S.	314,847	325,069	103
Eggs Produced	Millions		Percent
NEBRASKA	230	250	109
30 States	6,415	6,689	104
U.S.	6,791	7,126	105
Chickens, U.S.			
Hatched, October			
Egg-type	34.6	38.6	111
Broiler	693.2	697.8	101
Hatched thru October			
Egg-type	371.4	383.0	103
Broiler	7,079.3	7,286.5	103
Turkeys, U.S.			
Placed (October)	22.7	22.3	98

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on October 31, 1999 were greater than year earlier levels for butter, chicken, pork, and fruit. October 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent Change	
		Oct. 1998	Sept. 1999
Total red meats	762,750	-4%	+2%
Beef	318,203	-11%	+8%
Pork	424,811	+3%	-1%
Poultry	1,326,926	+3%	-11%
Turkey	492,826	-25%	-17%
Chicken	828,740	+34%	-7%

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

October 1999 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. October 1999 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. October 1998 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Item	Total 1/ (1,000)	% Change	
		Oct. 1998	Sept. 1999

NEBRASKA

Cattle, head	641.5	+3	Sm.-
Hogs, head	551.5	-6	+1
Sheep & Lambs, head2	+100	+100
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	596.2	+2	+1

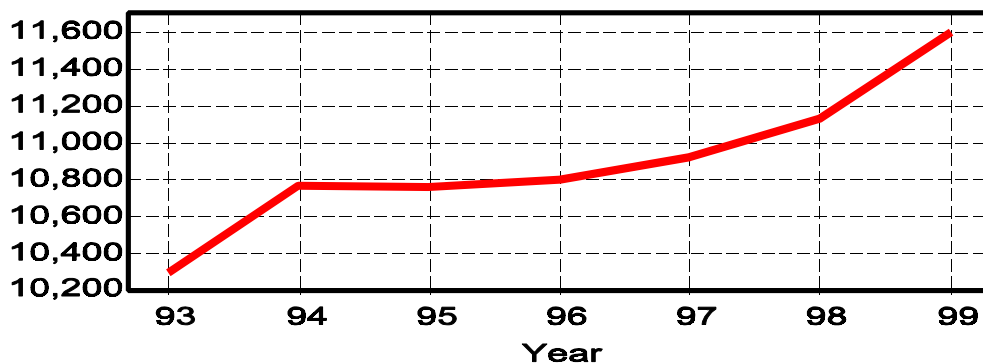
UNITED STATES

Cattle, head	3,094.5	+1	Sm.-
Calves, head	104.8	-16	-13
Hogs, head	8,946.6	-4	+3
Sheep & Lambs, head	304.8	-6	-1
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,001.0	-1	+2

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

October Milk Production, 1993-1999 20 States

Million Pounds



MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION: BY MONTH, 20 SELECTED STATES, 1998-99

Month	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk per Cow <u>2/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998
	1,000		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
January	7,728	7,704	1,466	1,521	11,327	11,720	103
February	7,716	7,702	1,347	1,403	10,394	10,809	104
March	7,709	7,708	1,515	1,584	11,678	12,212	105
April	7,713	7,714	1,501	1,554	11,579	11,989	104
May	7,719	7,725	1,556	1,609	12,011	12,430	103
June	7,718	7,730	1,477	1,515	11,396	11,714	103
July	7,709	7,738	1,468	1,497	11,314	11,587	102
August	7,708	7,745	1,443	1,489	11,124	11,536	104
September	7,701	7,753	1,386	1,444	10,672	11,198	105
October	7,695	7,752	1,446	1,496	11,125	11,598	104
November	7,697		1,407		10,829		
December	7,708		1,489		11,481		
Annual	7,710		17,501		134,930		

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS & FARM WAGE RATES
SELECTED REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 11-17, 1998 & OCTOBER 10-16, 1999 1/**

Region <u>2/</u>	Hired Workers		WAGE RATES							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
					Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousands		Dollars per hour							
Lake	59	72	8.45	8.64	8.23	8.42	7.40	7.71	7.99	8.18
Cornbelt I	53	65	7.90	8.27	7.43	7.65	7.76	7.17	7.49	7.57
Cornbelt II	28	26	8.03	8.17	7.23	7.85	8.20	7.86	7.56	7.85
Northern Plains	33	56	7.57	7.83	7.65	7.59	6.03	7.54	7.24	7.58
Southern Plains	53	52	6.77	7.24	6.14	6.48	6.58	7.29	6.28	6.74
Mountain I	33	30	7.03	7.36	6.89	7.06	6.72	7.40	6.85	7.17
Mountain II	23	25	7.32	7.23	6.37	6.79	7.33	7.00	6.82	6.90
United States	983	989	7.60	7.83	7.15	7.31	7.28	7.43	7.17	7.33

1/ Excludes agricultural service workers. 2/ Regions consist of the following: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, NEBRASKA, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah.

**HIRED WORKERS: ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGE RATES,
SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, 1998 - 1999 1/ 2/**

State	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Dollars per hour					
Colorado	7.39	7.65	6.50	6.94	6.78	7.01
Illinois	8.03	8.25	7.62	7.95	7.57	7.73
Indiana	8.37	8.67	7.21	7.56	7.69	7.73
Iowa	8.32	8.67	7.69	8.37	7.81	8.34
Kansas	8.07	8.08	7.54	7.51	7.52	7.64
Michigan	7.87	8.21	7.39	7.44	7.39	7.37
Minnesota	8.68	8.53	8.10	8.67	8.01	8.26
Missouri	6.71	7.33	6.42	6.86	6.39	7.07
NEBRASKA	7.45	7.73	7.24	7.57	7.00	7.54
North Dakota	7.85	7.80	7.70	7.81	7.67	7.77
South Dakota	6.57	7.33	6.31	7.14	6.06	6.87
Wyoming	6.25	6.43	5.91	5.85	5.75	6.13
United States <u>3/</u>	7.47	7.77	6.97	7.19	6.98	7.22

1/ Excludes agricultural service workers. 2/ Annual rates are averages of the wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average is based on data collected for January, April, July, and October. 3/ Excludes Alaska.

NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 11%

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.25 million cattle on feed on November 1. This inventory was up 11% from last year and 6% above November 1, 1997.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 330,000 head, up 3% from last year and two years ago.

Record placements during October totaled 690,000 head, up 15% from last year and 13% above 1997. Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head, compared with 10,000 head during both October 1998 and October 1997.

HISTORIC 7 STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 6%

Cattle and calves on feed November 1, 1999, in the historic 7 Monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.77 million head, up 6% from the previous year and 4% above November 1, 1997.

Marketings during October totaled 1.56 million, 1% above both 1998 and 1997.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 7 States during October totaled 2.61 million head, 9% above 1998 and 6% above 1997. Other disappearance during October was 63,000 head, 40% above last year but 18% below 1997.

**CATTLE ON FEED -- INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE,
1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS**

STATE	NOVEMBER 1 NUMBER ON FEED <u>1/</u>			OCTOBER PLACEMENTS			OCTOBER MARKETINGS			OCTOBER OTHER DISAPPEAR. <u>2/</u>		
	1998	1999	99/98	1998	1999	99/98	1998	1999	99/98	1998	1999	99/98
	1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head		
	%			%			%			%		
Arizona *	205	239	117	27	48	178	20	15	75	3	2	67
California *	400	395	99	60	67	112	50	47	94	5	5	100
Colorado *	1,170	1,220	104	345	360	104	170	205	121	5	5	100
Idaho	270	325	120	67	76	113	39	58	149	3	3	100
Iowa *	295	345	117	74	84	114	37	53	143	2	1	50
Kansas *	2,260	2,390	106	540	550	102	360	380	106	10	20	200
Nebraska *	2,030	2,250	111	600	690	115	320	330	103	10	10	100
New Mexico	107	107	100	35	31	89	17	14	82	1	1	100
Oklahoma . . .	430	435	101	112	133	119	71	75	106	1	3	300
So, Dakota . .	166	157	95	53	70	132	22	23	105	1	1	100
Texas *	2,830	2,930	104	750	810	108	580	530	91	10	20	200
Washington	211	257	122	57	56	98	34	37	109	1	8	800
Other Sts . . .	410	405	99	110	119	108	55	58	105	0	1	0
U.S.	10,784	11,455	106	2,830	3,094	109	1,775	1,825	103	52	80	154
7 States	9,190	9,769	106	2,396	2,609	109	1,537	1,560	101	45	63	140

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. * Historical 7 States.

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